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EASLEY NOMINATES SANFORD FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO UTILITIES COMMISSION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has nominated **Jo Anne Sanford** of Raleigh for reappointment to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, a post she has held since 1995 and where she has served as chair since 1997. Sanford now goes before the General Assembly for confirmation.

Prior to joining the commission, Sanford was employed with state Attorney General's Office as special deputy attorney general. She was the head of the utilities and insurance section which represented the Department of Insurance, the State Health Plan, the Secretary of State, the State Auditor, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, and consumers and state agencies in utilities matters.

Sanford is a member of the N.C. Bar Association, Wake County Bar Association, 10th Judicial District Bar, Susie Sharp Inn of Court and Women Executives in State Government. She is licensed to practice law in all three federal districts in North Carolina and before the U.S. Supreme Court. Sanford chaired a subcommittee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Communications Committee and is a member of its board of directors. She is one of three state appointees to the Federal Communications Commission's North American Numbering Council, and chairs the board of directors for the National Regulatory Research Institute.

Sanford graduated with honors from N.C. State University in 1972 with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and received her juris doctor from the School of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1975.

The Utilities Commission supervises and oversees public utility operations and rates. It has seven members, each serving an eight-year term. The governor appoints all the members.

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